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Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application (☐ Design ☒ Utility) entitled:2. (Complete) Title: **FOAMED THERMOPLASTIC RESIN ARTICLE**without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:3. ☒ Abstract 1 page(s).4. 14 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. ☐ Specification in non-English language6. 6 Numbered claim(s); and7. ☒ Drawings: 2 sheet(s) ☐ 1 set informal; 8. ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"9. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

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10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in JAPAN

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(1) 2000-041127	FEBRUARY 18, 2000	(2)	
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11.        (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date)         
in U.S. Application No.        /        filed on       12. ☐ This is a reissue of Patent No.       13. ☐ See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 14 or 15.)14. ☐ **Amend the specification** by inserting before the first line -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part  
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:14(a) ☐ National Appln. No.        /        filed        -- (M#       )14(b) ☐ International Appln. No. PCT/        filed        which  
designated the U.S., and that International Application ☐ was ☐ was not published  
under PCT Article 21(2) in English.--15. ☐ **Amend the specification** by inserting before the first line: --This application  
claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/       , filed        --16. Extension to date: ☐ concurrently filed ☐ not needed ☐ previously filed17. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed (**pre-filing confirmation required**)17(a) ☐ Attached:        (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement not essential to make claim)

18. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

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19. ☐ Attached:

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) (Double check instructions for accuracy.):  
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21. NOTE: FOR ADDITIONAL INVENTORS, "X" ☐ and list additional inventors on attached sheet (incorporated by reference)

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